with God, in the restoration of the "sense of harmony with "Him which had been broken. Here i may state that God's forgiveness of us differs in some particulars from our forgiveness of each other. In both cases there has been a loss of harmony and a sense of estrangement through sin. As between man and man, that estrangement is generally on both sides. As between God and us, the estrangement is only on one side, the estrangement is on ours. In man's case, before he can forgive, he has to drive out his resentment. In God's case, there is no resentment to drive out. In man's case, another man's trespass does not make him less irritable through the knowledge that he is himself often a trespasser too. God never trespasses against us, and yet is absolutely patient and unmoved ^>y any anger or displeasure. His love may make Him grieved at the distress we have brought upon ourselves, but He has only to wait patiently, as only a God can wait, for the dawnings of that godly sorrow on our part which will tear aside the veil which our sin, has drawn between our souls and Him. Our confession and prayer for forgiveness to God is like our confession and prayer for forgiveness?

to our fellowman, in that it springs out of our love to God,
which, by His mercy, we have not wholly lost. Moreover,
the perfection and beauty of God's grace and forgiveness is
seen in the passionate desire it creates in the *btiakta* to walk
before Him with a perfect heart, to take no wicked thing in
hand, to do justly and to love mercy. It creates in the
devotee a hatred of sin and a longing for true holiness. Its
cry is " Make in me a clean heart, 0 God and renew a right
spirit within me ". In other words, he upon whom the
dreadful justice of God has been executed, not in vengeance
but in the light and wisdom of edifying love, he will take
reasonable care not to offend that justice again.

It is clear from the above that there is no conflict
between God's Justice and Mercy and that His Mercy stands
before even the vilest of sinners at -all times as a great Reality,,